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## REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS

1.1 Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(g), it is reported to Council that the following decisions were taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in:-

- To conduct a public consultation on the 2015/16 Budget. (Portfolio Holder for Finance)

Reason: To meet the print deadlines for Rochford District Matters which was one of the channels for the consultation.

- To confirm that this Council will join a business rates pool for 2015/16, subject to the Head of Finance agreeing final governance arrangements with the members of the Pool.(Portfolio Holder for Finance)

Reason: The expression of interest to form a pool had to be sent to the Government by 31 October and the decision by individual authorities on whether to join was dependent on getting the latest estimates for business rates income and the publication by the Government of the updated calculator on 9 October.

- That car parking charges in all Council car parks be suspended on the Saturdays during December, prior to Christmas – the dates are 6, 13 and 20 December 2014.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed free parking on the Saturdays in December could be implemented.

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